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Copy of a Letter to Govr. Clinton without date or superscription

Sir

Mr Hamilton having transmitted your Excellency the late proceedings of Congress for carrying the 1st article of the confederatio into execution by what the Legislature will see the part reacted in this affair. They will not be at a loſs for our motives: and we hope will not disapprove them. Our opposition to the first plan proposed was founded principplly on the consideration that it left the interest party judge in his own case. might have produced great injustice and inequality — and would in all probability have excited great jealousies between the respective States. We dissented from the second plan chiefly because we did not perceive that it afforded sufficient data to make the valuations upon & because it applied the 8th article of the confederation in such a manner as would have produced great injustice to the State of New York and others in similar circumstances by charging us with our proportion of the past contribution of the States according to our future ability when the valuation shall be made. After this plan was resolved upon we introduced a motion to call a second time upon the different States to vest Congress with a power of making equitable abatements agreeable to the resolution of the 20th Feby 1781. This was committed and an unfavorable report made which together with the original motion was postponed. We renewed the motion in a something different from what has been negatived by~~fore~~ a large majority. We have the honor to inclose the motion and the votes upon it. Different motives operated in the dismission. Many were opposed to the principle and others wished to postpone till this matter with many others could be taken up in a general plan —

We have the honor to be
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Your Excellency's letter by Wm. Shattuck has been read in Congre and with the papers accompanying it committed to the same Committee what has before them the remonstrance from Chittende We need not aſsure you that we shall pay all the attention in ou power to a matter so interesting to the States which however we are obliged to see postponed to the consideration of funds for restoring the credit of the United States, which now occupies the first attention of the Congress.

We have the honor —

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His Excellency Govr. Clinton.